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BROOKLYN MAN CONVICTED IN FEDERAL COURT OF KILLING BRINKS EMPLOYEE IN YONKERS IN CONNECTION WITH ATTEMPT TO STEAL MONEY FROM BANK

MICHAEL J. GARCIA, the United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York, announced that PAUL RYAN DOUGLAS was convicted today by a federal jury in White Plains, New York, of killing Milton Moran Jr., a Brinks ATM technician, on April 22, 2004, in connection with an attempt to steal money from Citibank ATM machines in Yonkers, New York. The killing occurred at 1915-25 Central Park Avenue in Yonkers.

The evidence at the six-day trial showed that DOUGLAS, 33, of Brooklyn, New York, worked for Brinks from late 1999 through the middle of 2002. His job included loading the ATM machines then located at 1915-25 Central Park Avenue with hundreds of thousands of dollars in cash. The evidence at trial also showed that DOUGLAS was seen at 1915-25 Central Park Avenue on the morning of April 22, 2004 - a day on which cash was scheduled to be delivered to the ATM machines - dumping Moran's body into the trunk of Moran's car and fleeing the scene.

The car in which DOUGLAS fled was later recovered with a loaded shotgun and a bulletproof vest in it, according to the trial evidence. Moran, who lived in the Bronx and was 29 when he was killed, was at 1915-25 Central Park Avenue on the morning of April 22, 2004 to repair a printer jam in one of the ATM machines, and was last seen alive shortly after 9 a.m. He was found with his mouth sealed shut with duct tape and an extensive bruise on the side of his head. Medical testimony established that the principal cause of death was asphyxiation.

Evidence at trial established that DOUGLAS fled New York on April 22, 2004. According to witness testimony, while in Florida a few days later DOUGLAS admitted to being at 1915-25

Central Park Avenue on the morning of April 22 to steal money from the ATM machines located there, and that he hit Moran and secured a binding around his mouth.

DOUGLAS testified in his own defense. He admitted that he was at the site on April 22, but changed his story as to why he was there. DOUGLAS testified that an armed man forced him to go to the site and help him while there. He claimed that it was this other man who bound and struck Moran. DOUGLAS, however, could describe the man only vaguely, as younger and darkerskinned than he, and wearing dreadlocks. DOUGLAS also claimed that this man, referred to by the prosecution as the "mystery man," had been extorting him and threatening him and his family for three months prior to the incident.

After less than four hours of deliberation, a jury in United States District Court convicted DOUGLAS of attempting to enter 1915-25 Central Park Avenue with intent to steal money from the ATM machines inside, and with killing Milton Moran Jr. in connection with that crime.

United States District Judge COLLEEN McMAHON scheduled sentencing for January 31, 2006. DOUGLAS faces a sentence of life in prison.

Mr. GARCIA praised the investigative efforts of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Yonkers Police Department.

Assistant United States Attorneys STEPHEN J. RITCHIN and KAREN B. KONIGSBERG are in charge of the prosecution.

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